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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Chalberg :
 Serial No.: 09/692,135 : Art Unit: 3641
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 For: CORE SUPPORT FOR AN F-LATTICE :
 CORE OF A BOILING WATER :
 NUCLEAR REACTOR :
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In response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2002, Applicants elect species Y shown in Figures 8-10 for examination. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-4, 6-12, and 14-16 are readable upon species Y.

The requirement for election is traversed because the species X, Y and Z clearly are related. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1 and 9 are generic and readable on species X, Y, and Z. Applicant also submits that a thorough search and examination of species Y would be relevant to the examination of species X and Z, and would not be a serious burden on the examiner. Additionally, requirements for election are not mandatory under 35 U.S.C. Accordingly, reconsideration of the election requirement is requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that all the claims now active in this application are

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believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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